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MS PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 10/263,905 filed on October 4, 2002, which is a Divisional of Application No. 09/824,228 filed on April 3, 2001 and issued on March 4, 2003 as U.S. Patent 6,529,451, which is a Divisional of Application No. 09/708,578, filed on November 9, 2000 and issued on August 13, 2002 as U.S. Patent No. 6,434,099, which is a Divisional of 09/541,695 filed April 3, 2000 and issued on February 25, 2003 as U.S. Patent No. 6,526,019, which is a Divisional of Application No. 09/433,023, filed on November 3, 1999 and issued on May 8, 2001 as U.S. Patent No. 6,229,784, which is a Divisional Application of 09/335,050 filed on June 16, 1999 and issued on November 21, 2000 as U.S. Patent No. 6,151,292, which is a Divisional Application of Application No. 09/148,798 filed on September 4, 1998 and issued on September 14, 1999 as U.S. Patent No. 5,953,309, which is a Divisional Application of Application No. 08/914,782, filed August 20, 1997 and issued on October 20, 1998 as U.S. Patent No. 5,825,728, which is a Divisional Application of Application No. 08/718,263, filed on September 20, 1996 and issued on February 10, 1998 as U.S. Patent No. 5,717,683, which is a Divisional Application of Application No. 08/128,193, filed September 29, 1993 and issued on January 7, 1997 as U.S. Patent No. 5,592,452,



the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference,

by

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for

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1. ☒ Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings (if applicable).
2. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
BASIC FEE			\$750.00	\$370.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	2-20 =	0	x 18 =\$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2-3 =	0	x 84 =\$0.00	x 42 = \$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			0.00	0.00
TOTAL			\$750.00	\$0.00

3. ☒ A check in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. ☒ Enclosed are twenty-seven (27) sheets of formal drawings.
- 6a. ☐ A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/824,228 on _____. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.

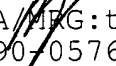
- 6b. ☐ The current application qualifies for small entity status.
7. ☒ The prior application is assigned to Mitsubishi Denki Kabushiki Kaisha.
8. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 9a. ☒ Priority of Application No(s). 4-265893, 4-272673, 4-325319, and 5-238354 filed in Japan on October 5, 1992, October 12, 1992, December 4, 1992 and September 24, 1993, respectively is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on March 31, 1994.
- 9b. ☐ Priority of International Appln. _____ filed on _____ under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and _____ Application No. _____ filed in _____ on _____ under 35 U.S.C. § 119 are hereby reclaimed.
10. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 forms are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
11. ☒ Address all future communications to:
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12. ☐ An extension of time for _____ () month(s) until _____ has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/824,228 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
13. ☐ Also enclosed herewith is the following:
- _____
- _____
- _____

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Specification (50 pages)
Drawings (27 Sheets)
Copy of Priority Letter dated March 31, 1994
IDS and PTO-1449
Copy of Japanese Language Declaration of 10/93
Preliminary Amendment
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